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The Tenth Commencement

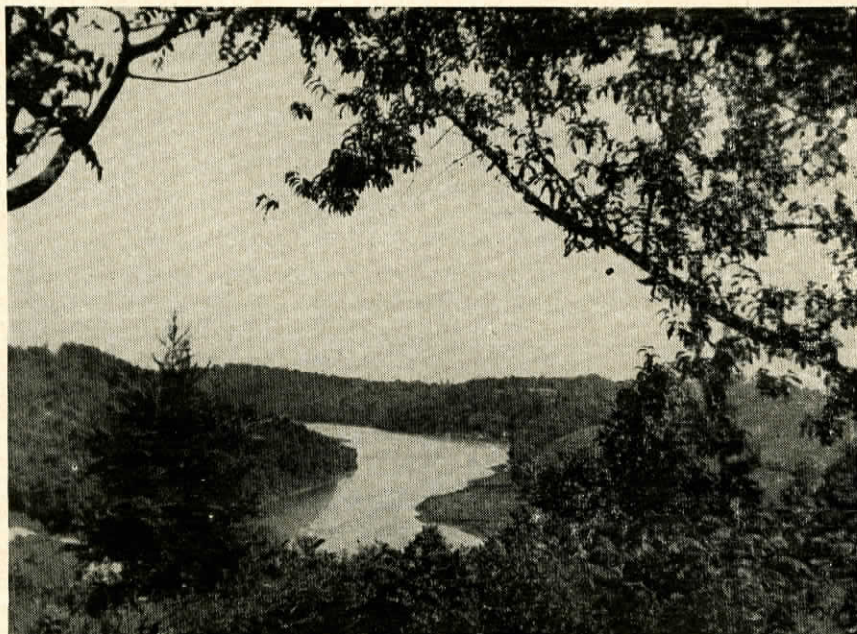
Ushered in by the Alumni banquet on June 5th, the University enjoyed as one of the best of all its tenth annual commencement week. Theme of the Alumni banquet was "Freedom," with the evening address, "Freedom in Christ," being delivered by Rev. J. S. Brownlee, of the Bible department faculty. Seven seniors accepted invitations to become members of the Alumni Association. Officers elected for the ensuing year were: President, Grace Levensgood, '42; Vice-President, Lillian Hummel Levensgood, '40, and Secretary-Treasurer, Agnes Copeland DeRosset, '36.

Baccalaureate service was held in the High School auditorium, with the local churches joining in the meeting. Students, faculty, and friends were delighted with the message "It Is Finished," delivered by Dr. Harris H. Gregg, Professor of Bible, of the University faculty. Forcefully and clearly expounding the Word, Dr. Gregg was, as always, a blessing and inspiration, not only to the graduating seniors, but to all of those in attendance.

Two recitals, on June 1st and June 7th, were presented by the voice and piano students of Professor James William Hartman, music department head. The first recital, featuring Indian Melodies, was presented in a setting that well complemented the musical aspect of the program. Garbed as an Indian maiden, Flo Mellick as narrator provided the continuity that welded the evening into a delightfully unified musical treat. The second recital, on the evening of the 7th, presented as its climax one of Professor Hartman's own compositions, "Wild Flowers," sung by a choral ensemble and solo trio.

Following the recital on the evening of June 7th, President and Mrs. Rudd entertained for the Seniors, their parents and friends, and members of the faculty, in the annual President's Reception.

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This Attractive View Greeted Commencement Visitors

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR THE 1943 COMMONER

For the 1943 Commoner, school annual, President Rudd wrote a message which is of such interest that we feel sure our friends will read it with genuine interest.

To All Who Love God:

WAR! But, we are not at the mercy of blind chance nor victims of circumstances over which we have no control. With a God Who makes all things work together for our good, we are challenged to take advantage of war-time opportunities for national, institutional, and personal blessing.

We avoided war. When it was forced on us, we sought to go on in spite of war-time conditions. But now, we are beginning to look for the blessings that God has for His own even in a time of war. For us, war-time years need not be lost; but if they are not to be lost, we must buy up the present opportunities.

Have you looked to God to rule and over-rule in your life? Have you found Him the God that is able? War is discipline, individually and collectively, for wrong doing and

neglected responsibilities. Have you admitted—have you confessed your guilt? Have you pleaded the blood of Jesus Christ for your sins?

Are you learning to endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ? Is your heart more tender? Can you make more sacrifices gladly for the love of Jesus Christ? Are you learning to scorn a life of laziness, luxury, and laxity? Are you learning submission and obedience? Have you found the joy of doing God's will no matter what the cost of obedience?

Lastly, are you yearning for the days of Peace, when you will have an opportunity to do those things you lacked the faith to do, the courage and the will to do when you had the opportunity?

War will be a curse or a blessing to you. Which shall it be? As a nation and as individuals, life and good, death and evil are set before us today. In our own strength we are helpless, but in Christ all things are possible. God help us to choose the way of faith and life.

Earnestly yours,

Judson A. Rudd,
President.

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—God Above All—

WHAT IS MAN?

What is man? We ask that question in seeking to interpret the picture painted of him in this present world war. And we go on the assumption, both scientifically and Scripturally sound, that God made of one blood all the nations of the earth (Acts 17: 26).

In the propaganda of war, the enemy is portrayed as a beast, as of a different and lower specie, but man is one. One in his nature, his aspirations, his depravity, his need.

How, then, can we interpret this composite picture?—this picture made up of the enemy's vices and our virtues? What means this picture dark with the rape of Nanking, red with the wholesale slaughter of the Poles and Jews, littered with the distorted victims of the planned starvation of whole nations, this picture of bombing, shooting and bayoneting? In the safe backgrounds are the fiendish leaders willing the murder of millions to gratify their lust for power. Under them march their armies, blind crusaders with poisoned minds, goose-stepping bravely to a soldier's death.

In Manila and again at Cairo, to say nothing of Singapore, we see them dancing, drinking, lightly laughing, while their soldiers die and the enemy closes in.

In the homeland, the ships, the arms, the foodstuffs needed for the very life of the soldiers are being withheld by strikes for higher wages and jurisdictional rights. Men win their high wages and waste it on beer.

But that is not all. It is but the dark background. The picture has its brighter colors. There is faith and love and hope. There are mothers' prayers, and sons that are kept by the power of God. Kept from reckless abandon, kept pure, kept without hatred and malice, kept from death.

There is sacrifice. Men volunteer to go and die. Women rush to spots of danger to minister to the suffering.

At home there are those who go without, that the soldier may not lack.

And there is thrilling heroism. Fifteen men dive into the sea out of places of safety in their whaleboats to give way for wounded comrades. Twelve perish in the sea. Men brave death without fear, pour out their life's blood without complaint.

And men in fox holes pray. The colonel with the sergeant.

What is man? Is he an evolving beast or a fallen son of God? False science points to the beastly origin; the Bible says he was created in the image and likeness of God (Genes 1:26), and that the Divine image was marred by the hand of Satan.

And the Biblical account of his origin, present condition and future can alone square with all the facts.

Man is not an evolving beast. Nowhere among the lower creation is found anything of the bestiality, the moral perversity, the planned and cunning cruelty found in man. And on the other hand, the animal does not think, has no soul, possesses no aspirations heavenward.

Man was created in the image and likeness of God. And even though that image was distorted by sin, there remains vestiges of man's high and noble order. There is much of nobility, much to be admired even in fallen man. A great gulf separates him from the lower creation. And a great gulf separates him from God—the gulf of man's own rebellion, self-will and sin.

"What is man that thou art mindful of him?" What is man to God? What plans has God for man? What provision has God made to carry out these plans?

Man is God's handiwork in creation, having that high and noble distinction of being made in the image and likeness of God. God purposes to restore that image, transforming men into the likeness of His Son. And to accomplish that purpose He sent His Son into the world to remove sin as a barrier to man's return to God by suffering Himself its death penalty. "And as many as received Him to them gave He power to become the sons of God" (John 1:11). And every believer is predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son (Romans 8:29). It is gradual process now—it is to be a sudden transformation into complete moral likeness when believers see Christ at His coming again. — The Doorstep Evangel.

PRESIDENT HONORED

(Vigorous applause greeted the announcement to students and staff that the degree of Doctor of Laws is to be conferred on President Judson A. Rudd. The degree is to be conferred by Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill., as part of its Commencement ceremonies on Monday, June 14th.)

The University family—students, staff, and friends—appreciates the honor given to its President, and particularly so in that it comes from an institution whose excellence, both academic and spiritual, has won for it the highest recognition.

President Rudd has been asked to deliver the commencement address at the graduating exercises of the Wheaton College Academy on Saturday, June 12th. He will therefore be leaving Dayton shortly after the conclusion of Commencement here at William Jennings Bryan University, to be absent for the succeeding week.

WHAT THE CHURCH

NEEDS DURING 1943

- More tithes and fewer drives.
- More action and less friction.
- More workers and fewer shirkers.
- More backers and fewer slackers.
- More of God's plans and less of man's.
- More praying and less straying.
- More divine power and less human power.
- More "Good News" and fewer "Book Reviews."
- More burden-bearers and less tale-bearers.
- More fighting squads and fewer "tight-wads."
- More "tongues of fire" and fewer fiery tongues.
- More zealous efforts and less jealous thought.
- More love for the Word and less love for the world.
- More seeking for grace and less seeking for place.
- More holiness of life and less bickering and strife.
- More fasting and praying and less feasting and playing.
- More time spent in "upper rooms" and less supper rooms.
- More religion in politics and less politics in religion.

—Clay P. Morgan

Bryan University

FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

Not steak this time . . . meat rationing prevented that; but the Seniors and their sponsors enjoyed hamburgers plus all the trimmings, lettuce, tomatoes, potato salad, strawberries with whipped cream, and iced tea on a supper hike Saturday night, May 29th. After a long, hot walk to the valley in South Dayton, everyone was content to rest in the shady woodland glen before starting to play softball, or do more hiking. Late in the evening the hikers strolled leisurely back to Bryan Hill with pleasant memories of the fellowship enjoyed on this last Senior outing.

Seeking to repay the sophomores for the initiation and hike at the beginning of the school year, the freshmen entertained with a supper hike to the docks at Chickamauga Lake. A treasure hunt of Bible verses led the group to the docks.

An enjoyable program of music, short speeches, and "mellodrama" gave the group a pleasant evening. At the conclusion of the evening President Rudd led in a word of thanksgiving to God for His many blessings and the wonderful time of fellowship which had been experienced together.

On Friday evening, May 21, fourteen library workers enjoyed a dinner given by Mrs. Hoyt, librarian, in the Hoyt's apartment. Recorded music played throughout the meal added to the evening's pleasure.

The laundry workers enjoyed an outdoor breakfast on Tuesday morning, June 1st, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. West, as guests of Mrs. Hartman, supervisor of the laundry work.

Scholastic Averages

FOUR-YEAR AVERAGE

Senior

John Harper	93.15
Jesse Humbert	93.07
Eileen Hartschuh	91.98

TWO-QUARTER AVERAGES

Junior

Nellie Stover	90.15
Beatrice Batson	89.89

Sophomore

Sumner Wemp	87.97
Robert Harper	87.88

Freshman

Mary Sue Barger	92.33
Florence Monck	93.24

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THE TENTH COMMENCEMENT

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Vesper service, planned and conducted by the Seniors, was presented on the evening of June 8th. With its theme "He Is Faithful," the Seniors gave expression in reading, music, and message to their experience during the past four years of that faithfulness as it had its inpouring and outworking in their lives. At the close of the vesper service, Rev. Frank C. Torrey led in the breaking of bread in a most impressive communion service.

The week found its climax in the events of Commencement Day, on Wednesday, June 9th. Rev. Frank C. Torrey, pastor of the Calvary Independent Church, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, delivered the commencement address. Missionary-minded as a pastor and popular friend of young people, Rev. Torrey has been a great friend and helper of the University for many years past. A trustee of the University, he has promoted the work of Bryan by personal influence and prayers, directing a number of young people to Bryan for their education. In the Senior class were two of the young people from his church, while others were in the lower classes and on the staff. Rev. Torrey gave a most lucid message from the book of Ephesians, speaking of it as a guide for the Seniors as they walked life's pathway. He brought out in a telling way the various walks of a Christian spoken of in Ephesians, and the marvelous ways in which God has made provision for strength and guidance in these walks.

At the close of the message, President Rudd made announcement of honors and prizes to be awarded. The P. A. Boyd prize, for the Senior man whose influence as a Christian example was greatest among his fellows, was awarded to Leonard Winstead. A similar prize, for the women, was offered by Rebecca Peck, '40, and was awarded to Eileen Hartschuh. Dr. W. S. Houck of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, a University trustee, gave prizes to be awarded to the Senior with the highest scholastic average, John Harper; and to the best all-around Bryanite, Richard Langford, and smaller prizes for each of the remaining Seniors, in appreciation of their courage and determination that led to the completion of work for a degree.

Degrees were conferred on the fol-

For God and Country

Sgt. Lester Hartschuh
North Africa

"We are working like madmen lately . . . you don't hear anyone griping. It's only, 'let's pitch in and get it done'."

Sgt. Cecil Hansen
North Africa

"It is quite a life living in pup tents. At first something was always in the way—but now it's not so bad."

Pvt. George Cone
Camp Kearns, Utah

"I do enjoy the army, although I wish I were still in school. I guess maybe if the Lord doesn't come right away, this may be settled before too long."

Pvt. Bob Collitt
Camp Beauregard, La.

"Jesus is all the world to me. . . . with Him, in Him . . . I cannot fail. . . . What a wonderful Saviour He is to me."

Pvt. Kenneth C. Marken
Great Lakes Training School
Chicago, Illinois

"We must never regret or feel badly about the field into which our Master has called us. Praise the Lord for such a field! Marken can't do it, but the Lord can."

Pvt. George Birch
South Carolina

"He is all-sufficient and I'm praising Him for Victory".

YEARBOOK DEDICATED

The 1943 Commoner, school annual, gives its dedication to the Bryan men who are in the armed forces. Pictured in the book, as typifying the group, is Capt. Dwight W. Ryther, former Dean of the University. The theme of the book is Victory. Containing pictures of the entire University family, organizations, and informal school life and activities, the Commoner will be of more than usual interest and value in preserving memories of persons and events in this rapidly changing period of personal and national history.

Following: Thomas M. Cain, Newport, Kentucky; Ruth E. Clement, Spencer, Ohio; John W. Harper, Stelton, N. J.; Eileen Hartschuh, Akron, Ohio; Jesse Humbert, U. S. Navy (in absentia); Richard P. Langford, Clendenen, W. Va.; Hazel M. Waller, Lancaster, Penna.; and Leonard B. Winstead, Hardy, Ark.

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Thanks to You . . .

Dear Folks:

I'm standing on top, but I wish it might have been The Top. And yet, at the close of a year when God has blessed in manifold ways, I am in no mood to complain. He "doeth all things well," and all of us here are deeply grateful to all of us who helped, generously and prayerfully, to accomplish the very much that has been done. I'm looking expectantly to the year that lies ahead: with all of us praying and working, by God's grace we will conquer new ground, and go forward.

Yours, serving Him,

Sam

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